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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to support of a child including support
2 relative to the child's completion of high school graduation
3 or equivalency requirements.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 598.1, subsection 9, Code 2021, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 9. "Support" or "support payments" means an amount which
4 the court may require either of the parties to pay under a
5 temporary order or a final judgment or decree, and may include
6 alimony, child support, maintenance, and any other term used
7 to describe these obligations. For orders entered on or after
8 July 1, 1990, unless the court specifically orders otherwise,
9 medical support is not included in the monetary amount of child
10 support. The For orders entered on or after July 1, 2021,
11 obligations shall include support for a child who is between
12 until the ages of child reaches eighteen and nineteen years who
13 of age, or for a child who is engaged full-time in completing
14 high school graduation or equivalency requirements in a manner
15 which so long as such full-time engagement is continuous and
16 reasonably expected to result in completion of the requirements
17 prior to, until the person reaching child reaches nineteen
18 years of age or completes high school graduation or equivalency
19 requirements, whichever occurs first; and may include support
20 for a child of any age who is dependent on the parties to
21 the dissolution proceedings because of physical or mental
22 disability.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill provides that the definition of "support" or
27 "support payments" for orders entered on or after July 1,
28 2021, includes obligations for support of a child until age
29 18, or for a child who is engaged full-time in completing high
30 school graduation or equivalency requirements so long as such
31 full-time engagement is continuous and reasonably expected
32 to result in completion of the requirements, until the child
33 reaches 19 years of age or completes high school graduation or
34 equivalency requirements, whichever occurs first. Current law
35 provides that the obligations for support or support payments

1 include support for a child who is between the ages of 18 and
2 19 years who is engaged full-time in completing high school
3 graduation or equivalency requirements in a manner which is
4 reasonably likely expected to result in completion of the
5 requirements prior to the person reaching 19 years of age.